

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to ~~another one aspect of the present invention~~, there is provided an automated animal return system for an animal comprising: a locator system for ~~determining~~ detecting the a position of the animal relative to a reward zone; a command system for issuing a command to the animal when the locator system detects that the position of the animal is within a first boundary zone located beyond the reward zone, the command designed to encourage the animal to return to go to the reward zone; and a reward system for providing a food reward to the animal when the locator system detects that the animal begins to return to the reward zone from the first boundary zone in response to the command.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to ~~another a further aspect of the present invention~~, there is also provided a method of causing an animal to return to a predetermined reward zone comprising the steps of: automatically locating the position of the animal relative to the reward zone using a locating system; issuing a command to the animal when the locating system detects that the animal is within a first boundary zone located beyond the reward zone to encourage the animal to return to the reward zone; ~~and providing a food reward to the animal when the locating system determines that the animal begins to return to the reward zone in response to the command.~~

No new subject matter is believed added by these revisions. Substitute pages 4 and 5 are enclosed.